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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2161

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 4209

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISTA DEMONSTRATION PROVOKES VIOLENCE

1. RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT A DEMONSTRATION MARCH WAS HELD AT NOON TODAY IN USULUTAN, DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OF USULUTAN, ONE OF TWO DEPARTMENTS IN FIRST ISTA PROJECT ZONE. DEMONSTRATION MARCH WAS ORGANIZED BY FARO (FRENTE AGROPECUARIO DE LA REGION ORIENTAL) TO PROTEST IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PROJECT. CAMPESINO ELEMENTS, FROM AFFECTED HACIENDAS, MARCHED WITH THE LANDOWNERS. SOURCE SAID THAT NATIONAL GUARD BLOCKED THE LINE OF MARCH, GUNFIRE WAS EXCHANGED, AND A CAMPESINA MARCHER HAS BEEN KILLED. THIS REPORT SAID THE VICTIM WAS KILLED BY FIRE FROM WITHIN THE MARCH.

2. SECOND SOURCE, QUOTING RETIRED COLONEL, BROUGHT ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY. HE SAID SECURITY FORCES ENTERED PICTURE WHEN PROTEST MARCHERS TRIED TO BURN A PICTURE OF PRESIDENT MOLINA. DATT HAS SPOKEN TO CHIEF INTELLIGENCE (D-11) OF ARMY, WHO CONFIRMED INCIDENT, CLAIMED ONE
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DEATH AND THREE INJURED.

3. COMMENT - COINCIDENTAL WITH NEWS REACHING EMBASSY,
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE ENTERPRISE
(ANEP), ONE OF MOST OUTSPOKEN BLOCKS OPPOSING ISTA, WAS
TELLING THE AMBASSADOR OF ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO AVOID
BLOODSHED. EMBASSY IS PREPARING AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS
OF POLITICAL ATMOSPHERICS SURROUNDING THE ISTA ISSUE.
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